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National body formed

by Bharat P. Mathur

OTTAWA August 30, 1976. In order effectively to tackle the various problems they were facing in Canada, including racial discrimination, a founding conference of representatives of Indian settlers drawn from different parts of the country yesterday formed a National Association of Canadians with Origin in India (NACOI) with headquarters in Ottawa.

Fulfilling a long-felt need, the Association has (a) protection of the rights of Indians (b) full participation in Canadian society, (c) improvement of their collective image, (d) assistance in their adaptation to Canadian milieu, (e) bringing about a better understanding among them of Canada and
Canadians of other ethnic origins, (f) providing a forum for an exchange of ideas on issues of common concern, and (g) assurance of due recognition of their contribution to the quality of the country's life as its principal objectives.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The two-day conference, held at the Law Building of Ottawa University, elected a founding executive committee with Ranjit S. Hall of Ottawa (who is currently working in the Department of Manpower and Immigration)as President, the term of office of which would be one year or till such time as a regular executive is appointed at a general body meeting. The other members of the committee elected were Dr. G.S. Paul (Alberta) and Mrs. Blanche G. Dillon (British Columbia), Vice-Presidents, Samir Basu,(Ontario), Surendra Parihar (Ontario), Treasurer, and Dr. P.M. Rao (Alberta) and Arvind Iyer (Ontario),Members at Large.

The conference entrusted the committee with the responsibility of formulating the Associations's constitution and then having it adopted by the general body. In the draft consitution placed before the conference, the terms 'Canadians' and 'origin' used in the name of the organisation were explained to include landed immigrants and apply to all persons having their origin in India by birth, marriage or ancestry.

The conference laid down guidelines for the committee to initiate steps in the direction of (i) Government recognition of Indian university degrees, (ii) education of Canadians on India's cultural heritage, (iii) establishment of a bureau for disseminating information among Canadians about India's history, (iv) employment opportunities for immigrants.

A panel discussion on the 29th chaired by Dr. M.V. Naidu heard from Dr. T.J. Samuel (challenge of Education) and Ms. G. Irani (Clash of Caltures) and Dr. G.S. Paul (Social Economic and Political Realities). The session on the constitution was ably chaired by Dr. M. Sahasrabudhe. N. Pareih chaired the Conference

opening R.S. Rangi and T.P.S. Sandhu chaired the conference Banquet and the session on Resolutions.

The conference was informed that the Molticultural Department of the Federal Government had made an initial grant of $ 7,000 to the NACOI. Apart from this, several delegates made announcements of donations on behalf of the associations in the provinces they represented and so did a number of individuals make voluntary contributions, the total amount promised and collected on the spot being in the neighbourhood of $ 1800.

A NATIONAL VOICE

Speaking as the guest of honour at a dinner arranged on the occasion, Fernand E. Leblanc, Parliamentary Secretary to the Miniter for Labour and Multiculturalism, welcomed the foundation of NACOI. The evidence of support from the Indian community for 'a national voice' for Canadians of Indian origin, he said, was apparent from the large attendance at the first convention., which indicated that 'you are not reacting to a superficially-perceived need but your feelings are shared by those whom you seek to represent'.

Pointing out that the actions of the organisers of the new national body of Indians formed were 'in consonance with the aims of the multi-cultural policy of Canada', he referred to the Canadian Government's commitment to help ethno-cultural groups which demonstrated 'a collective will to exist'.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Referring to cultural diversity, Leblanc said that whereas people of Anglo-Saxon and French origins collectively formed 73 per cent. of the population of Canada, the remaining 27 per cent. constituted persons of othe language origins. And although there were two official languages, there was no official culture, nor did any ethnic group take precedence over any other. A policy of multi-culturalism within a bilingual framework was the most suitable means of assuring the cultural freedom of Canadiins. The Government was totally against discrimination and wanted all people to be equal in Canada.

The dinner was followed by an entertainment programme consising of vocal music by Mrs. Nirmala Gautama to the accompaniment of tabla by Hiro Advani, Bharatanatyam dances by Mrs. Renuka Sahay and a few songs by Hardip Bakshi.

His Majesty the King of Sikkim, Jigme Singye Wanchuk, being received at the Delhi airport by the President, Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed.

Constitutional amendment introduced

NewDelhi, Aug.31: A proposed constitutional amendment giving the executive branch virtually unfettered power was unveiled yesterday by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Government.

The 20 page draft amendment rewrites the preamble and 59 articles of India's Constitution. It sets forth fundamental duties for each citizen, bars activity the government deems 'anti-national' and curtails the judiciary's right to enforce civil liberties and review legislation, including constitutional amendments.

Under the amendment, India's high courts will no longer be allowed to issue orders —including writs of habeas corpus — that might delay 'a matter of public importance'.

The propsed amendment also allows the president, on advice of the Cabinet, to amend the Constitution himself over the next two years to take care of any difficulty arising from the constitutional overhaul.

The Government said the changes are needed to help achieve a 'socio-economic revolution which would end puverty, ignorance, disease and inequality of opportunity.' But leading opposition spokesmen charged that it would destroy India's parliamentary democracy.

'This makes Parliament into a make-believe,' charged Krishna Kant, who last year was drummed out of the ruling Congress party for opposing Mrs.Gandhi's policies. 'If the president can amend the Constitution, parliamentary democracy becomes meaningless.

Opposition member D.N.Singh said,'the amendment paves the way for constitutional dictatorship It's a blueprint for one-woman rule.

The amendment would change the preamble's descriptions of India as a sovereign democratic republic' to 'sovereign Socialist democratic republic,' but no major new Socialist policies are mentioned.

The fundamental duties outlined under a new article call for each citizen to work for the good of the nation, abide by the Constitution, uphold India's ideals, 'abjure violence and promote harmony.'

The amendment bans 'anti-national activity,which it defines as that'which disclaims, questions, threatens, disrupts or is intended to disrupt the sovereignty and integrity of India or the security of the state or the unity of the nation[A.P.]

Mukesh dies

Famous playback singer, Mukesh died recently of heart attack at Detroit where he was to give a perfermance.

India to have maritime boundary talks

New Delhi, Aug. 29 (Samachar) The Indian Law Minister, H. R. Gokhale told the Lok Sabha, lower house of Parliament that India was trying to have negotiations with Pakistan and Thailand on the question of demarcation of maritime boundary.

He said the agreements on this had been reached with Sri Lanka, and Indonesia and talks were on with Burma and Bangladesh. India's attempt in these matters was to try to reach a settlement through neogtiations, he said.

Concessions for Indians abroad

New Delhi, Aug. 29 (Samachar) The Finance Minister, C. Subramaniam, said in the Lok Sabha, lower house of Parliament that his Ministry was prepared to consider further concessions to Indian nationals residing abroad for setting up industries in India.

This would depend on the progress made so far in availing the concessions already granted, he said.

The Finance Minister said the gross monthly non-export receipts, which had stood at Rs 899.6 million ($99.9 million) in November last when the concessions for foreign exchange remittances by Indians living abroad were introduced, had increased to Rs 1,434.5 million ($159.3 million) by June this year.

Mr. Subramaniam said the remittances received from Indian nationals were held under two accounts — a rupee account and a dollar account.

He said the rupee account had registered a three-fold increase from a little over Rs 210 million ($23.3 million) to a little over Rs 630 million ($70 million) which showed that the Indian rupee's position had become quite strong in recent months.

Public sector plants lose money

New Delhi, Aug. 29 (Samachar) The Government of India-owned Durgapur Steel plant in the eastern State of West Bengal, had suffered a loss of Rs 415.8 million ($46.2 million) during the last six years.

Attributing the loss to the low price charged for the wheel sets supplied to the Railways, the Minister of Steel and Mines, Chandrajit Yadav told the Rajya Sabha, upper house of Parliament August 13 according to the cost of production worked out by the Durgapur steel plant, while the average cost of production per tonne of wheel sets was Rs 5,180 ($575.5), the average price per tonne of wheel set sold to the Railways was only Rs 2,936 ($326.5).

Another public sector plant, the Bharat Heavy Plates and Vessels Ltd., has suffered a net loss of Rs 9.3 million ($1.03 million) in 1975-76 in spite of a big jump in production from Rs 119 million ($13.2 million) to Rs. 216 million ($24 million).

Colombo towards unity

Colombo, Aug. 27 (Samachar): The Indian Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi said that the Colombo summit of non-aligned countries was "certainly a step forward" in cooperation among the non-aligned and consolidation of their rank.

Delving into a wide ranging issues, Mrs. Gandhi said the "external threat" as mentioned by her and Yugoslav President Marshal Tito at the summit, was "pretty obvious," and pointed to the manner in which the non-aligned news agencies pool had been attacked.

"Non-alignment itself is still being attacked," Mrs. Gandhi pointed out.

Emphasising the promotion of unity and solidarity among the non-aligned countries and to put it into best use for economic progress, Mrs. Gandhi said: "We have to cooperate in order that we are able to face up to the challenges of the developed countries." However, she clarified that she did not mean a confrontation.

Welcoming the proposal for a bank for Asia, Africa and Latin America, Mrs. Gandhi said: "It has to be thought out how it will work."

Commenting on the Sri Lanka proposal for a countervailing currency for the Third World, she said the question had to be gone into in "far greater depth."

Good neighbour policy lauded

Colombo, Aug. 29 (Samachar): King Jigme Singye Dorji Wangchuk of Bhutan praised the constant efforts made by India to promote good neighbourly relations with the countries of region.

"Living as we do next to India, we are fully aware of these efforts, which were on the basis of sovereignty, equality and mutual benefit," so that living in peace, cooperation and friendship, they could fully devote their energies and resources to the urgent and critical task of improving the living standards of the people, the young king said.

Addressing the fifth non-aligned leaders the King described the normalization of India's relations with Pakistan and China as "far reaching developments" which had undoubtedly strengthened the living forces of peace and progress.

Members of Parliament arriving to attend the monsoon session which commenced on August 10.

U.K. Racial assurances sought

New Delhi, Aug 23 (Samachar): The British government has reaffirmed 'at the highest level' its commitment to a policy of racial equality and the Race Relations Bill, under consideration by the British Parliament, envisages the strengthening of measures against racial discrimination in that country.

Giving this information in written answers in the Lok Sabha, the Deputy Minister for External Affairs, Bipin Pal Das, stated that the Bill would apply to all persons in Britain, including Indians and persons of Indian origin.

The Bill, among other things, widens the definition of racial discrimination, makes it unlawful for clubs or voluntary bodies to discriminate in the matter of admission of members and bans the publication of discriminary advertisements.

He said India had drawn the attention of the British authorities and the Press to the 'grave consequences of irresponsible comment' in the mass media on the safety and welfare of the immigrant community and on racial harmony in Britain.

He assured the House that the Government would take up the issue at the next Commonwealth conference if it became necessary.

Unity above bilateral issues

Colombo, Aug. 29 (Samachar): The Indian Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, has called for a united non-aligned group which should strive towards the task of "fortifying the defences of peace by enhancing friendship and reducing divisions and disparities."

Addressing the heads of State and Government from four continents, Mrs. Gandhi said a united non-aligned group would make an impact on world peace and on the evolution of a new economic order for the millions of the poor.

A new international economic order could be realized only with a cohesive political driving force which recognized diversity but looked at the situation beyond the mere technical solution of problems of trade, finance and raw materials.

The theme of unity ran through the 20-minute speech of the Prime Minister, who said non-aligned nations should be vigilant against attempts to split the movement, to violate its integrity or to introduce discord from outside.

India less dependent on N'equipment

New Delh, Aug 25 (Samachar): India is not dependent 'to any substantial extent' on foreign countries for the import of equipment for the execution of nuclear power projects.

Expressing this confidence the prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi said in a written answer to members of the Lok Sabha that all items of equipment of a sensitive nature required for the power projects were either manufactured or were in the process of being manufactured within the country.

Mrs. Gandhi told the House that the Government did not propose to expand the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, at Trombay near Bombay. 'Apart from a few sanctioned projects on which work is already underway, there are no further proposals for adding any more experimental facilities at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre," she said.

Scooters to Columbia

Lucknow, Aug 27 (Samachar): Scooters India, a public sector undertaking sent the first consignment of 100 scooters to Colombis, South America, as part of its current export drive.

The scooters which went it completely knocked down conditions is the first instalment of the 1500 scooters to be exported to that country following an agreement signed in March. The scooters sent in knocked down condition would be assembled at Medelin by a Colombian firm.

Scooters India earned foreign exchange of Rs 700,000 ($77,777) in the last six months.

The firm has received a repeat order of 50 scooters from Britain.

Another 200 scooters are being made ready for export.

Enquiries from Thailand, Hong Kong, Italy and Singapore have also been received by the firm.

Dissident Sarvodaya movement

New Delhi, Aug. 29 (Samachar) A group of Sarvodaya workers having differences with Jayaprakash Narayan in the Sarva Seva Sangh, (a social service wing of the Sarvodaya movement) has decided to form a new Sarvodaya organization "to establish Ram Swaraj."

The decision was taken at a meeting attended by Miss Nirmal Despande, Dr. D. N. Patnaik and Narendra Dube, at Mathura in Uttar Pradesh.

The Sarvodaya movement is a non-politica organization which was founded by Jayaprakash Narayan and it has been working for the welfare of the masses.

A Press release issued by Prasant Mahanti, who has been appointed convener of the ad hoc committee to draft a constitution, said State leaders had been asked to convene meetings of State committees to invite suggestions.

Birla sued

Delhi: The Minister of State for Home Affairs, Om Mehta, told the Rajya Sabha that the Enforcement Directrate was proceeding against members of the Birla family involved in the United Commercial Bank (formerly owned by business tycoon Birla and now nationalised by the government) case relating to foreign exchange conversion according to procedure under the law.

Mr. Mehta denied that attempts were being made by the Government to hush up the case.

He said at various stages Birlas had moved the Calcutta High Court and the Supreme Court of India and obtained stay orders against the department and so it was taking time.

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TN president's rule extended

New Delhi, Aug 30 (Samachar): President's rule is sought to be extended by another six months from September 10 in the southern Indian State of Tamil Nadu as evidenced from a resolution moved in the Lok Sabha, lower house of Parliament by the Home Minister, K.Brahmananda Reddi.

Moving the resolution, the Home Minister listed the progress the State had made since the President's rule was imposed early this year.

He poined out that as a result of the failure of monsoon for the second successive year, scarcity conditions were prevailing in ten out of the State's 15 districts. The administrative machinery in the State was now tied down to the urgent task of providing relief to the affected areas, Mr. Reddi said. The holding of an election before the expiry of the current term of President's rule would, therefore, not be possible.

Indo-Indonesian cooperation

Colombo, Aug 30 (Samachar): India and Indonesia will coordinate in the implementation of the Colombo Economic Action Programme on financial and monetary cooperation between the non-aligned countries. The two countries were appointed coordinators of this section of the programme at the Algiers non-aligned summit.

The Colombo summit, which ended early reviewed the work done by the coordinators and decided to extend their mandate until the next summit at Havana in 1979.

Bureau deadlock resolved

Colombo, Aug 27 (Samachar): The deadlock over Asian representation in the newly constituted 25-member non-aligned coordinating bureau has been resolved.

In the tussle between Afghanistan and Bangladesh for the third south Asia seat, a compromise has been struck.

Bangladesh will serve for the first 18 months and Afghanistan for the second half of the three-year term.

India was nominated as the leader of the non-aligned coordinating bureau with an overwhelming support.

Sri Lanka, by virtue of its chairmanship of the conference, will be the second member representing south Asia in the bureau.

The eight countries who would now represent Asia on the Bureau are India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Afghanistan (for one and a half years each) Indonesia, Vietnam the PLO, Syria and Iraq.

The coordinating bureau will meet at the level of Ministers for Foreign Affairs or special government representative once a year or as necessary and on a continuing basis at the level of permanent representative of the non-aligned countries at the United Nations headquarters, in New York, once a month as a rule.

The bureau will keep track of the implementation of the decisions and programs adopted by the conferences of the non-aligned countries aimed at carrying out the said decisions and programs. It would also propose measures for ensuring and promoting implementation of the decisions.

The bureau will carry out work connected with the preparation of the conferences of Heads of State or government, ministerial conferences and, if need be other meetings.

The action programme lists 20 subjects on which the summit has set up implementation groups. India has indicated its desire to serve as coordinator of the groups on scientific and technological development and technical cooperation and consultancy services.

Science cooperation with Russia

Moscow, August 30 (Samachar): India and the Soviet Union have signed a protocol extending cooperation in science and technology to such new areas as laser, cybernetics and forestry.

The protocol, which summed up the results of the 10-day visit to the Soviet Union of an Indian delegation on Science and technology, noted commendable progress in co-operation in magneto hydrodynamic power generation, standardisation and metrology, corrosion studies, building materials and earthquake engineering which form part of the ongoing programme.

Dr. A. Ramachandran, secretary in the department of science and technology and head of the five-man delegation, signed the protocol August 20 for India, and Dr. L.N. Efremov, vicechairman of the state committee for science and technology, for the Soviet Union.

More in IAS with rural background

New Delhi, Aug. 27 (Samachar) A socio-economic survey conducted by the Union Public Service Commission, an autonomous body charged with the responsibility of conducting examination and selection of candidates for the Indian Administrative and Foreign Services, has revealed that of the 165 candidates recommended for appointment for Indian Administrative Service and Indian Foreign Service in 1975,50 came from villages, 32 from towns and 83 from cities.

It also indicated that percentage of candidates coming from the rural background has also increased from 18.71 in 1973 to 30.30 in 1975.

The survey showed that larger percentage of candidates rural background have succeeded in coming up to such a level of education, knowledge and intelligence as to be in a position to compete successfully in the Indian Administrative Service examination.

Kerala parties ready for election

New Delhi, Aug 23, (Samachar): All the parties in the coalition ministry of the southern state of Kerala 'are ready to face election now.' The State Chief Minister, C. Achuta Menon of the pro-Moscow Communist Party of India (CPI), told newsmen here that the timing of election depended on the Government of India. 'They have not revealed their thinking to us,' he said.

Mr. Menon, who returned here after a month's rest in the Soviet Union, met the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, and conveyed about his coalition ministry's (constituting CPI, Indian National Congress, Revolutionary Socialist Party, Muslim League and the Kerala Praja Socialist Party), readiness for the election.

The life of the present assembly has been extended till October. If any election is to be held, it should be held sometime in September, Mr. Menon said.

New education system in 19 States

New Delhi, Aug. 27 (Samachar) Nineteen Indian States (provinces and Union Territories have already adopted the new scheme of school education —

Deputy Minister for Education D. P. Yadav has told the Lok Sabha, lower house of Parliament.

These are: Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Sikkim, Tripura, Utter Pradesh, West Bengal, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Dadar and Nagar Haveli, Delhi, Goa, Daman Diu, and Lakshwadeep.

Foreign bases must go

Colombo, Aug 27 (Samachar): With a call for the Big Powers to dismantle their military bases and installations in the Indian Ocean, and adopting the political and economic declarations the fifth non-aligned countries summit concluded its five-day deliberations.

The political document, approved at the summit meeting, said that as a result of the recent developments, the Indian Ocean area could become the main focus of Great Power rivalry in Asia. Such a dvelopmont would lead to tension and conflict in the Indian Ocean through growing great Power competition for naval superiority in the area. In these circumstances, the declaration says, it is imperative that the Indian Ocean peace zone proposal be implemented with the least possible delay as a contribution to international peace and security.

The concluding session of the summit which opened within minutes of the conclusion of the conference of Foreign Ministers, approved the draft political and economic declarations as well as the action program.

The summit also endorsed the economic declarations and action program on economic cooperation and 12 resolutions on economic subjects, including one on establishment of a bank of developing countries (Asia, Africa and Latin America)

The summit accepted an invitation from Cuba to host the sixth non-aligned summit in Havana in 1979.

Bill on Parliament reporting moved

New Delhi, Aug 30 (Samachar): The pro-Moscow Communist Party leader, Bhupesh Gupta, introduced non-official Bills in the Rajya Sabha, upper house of Parliament two of which seek to amend the Constitution while the third to protect the publication of reports of proceedings of Parliament.

One of the Constitution Amendment Bills seeks to delete the right to property from the Fundamental Rights and to incorporate the right to collective bargaining as a Fundamental Right.

The right to property, trade or business will remain as an ordinary right as in other Constitutions, and will be given due protection, the statement of objects of the Bill said.

The Bill also seeks to restrict the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and the High Courts in certain matters relating to the socio-economic measures and actions against anti-social elements in economic life.

Improvement in Indo-U.S.relations

New Delhi: The Deputy Minister for External Affairs, Bipinpal Das, reaffirmed the Indian government's policy to have "mature and constructive relations" with the United States and added that these relations had shown "some improvement" in recent years.

In written answer he informed a member of the House that under the 1963 agreement on atomic energy cooperation for civil uses, the U.S. was "committed" to supply fuel for the Tarapur atomic power station, in Maharashtra, for its efficient and continuous operation."

Tito puts off visit

Colombo, Aug 27 (Samachar): The Yugoslav President, Marshal Josip Broz Tito, has called off his visit to Delhi.

Marshal Tito, accompanied by his wife, was due to arrive in New Delhi on August 22.

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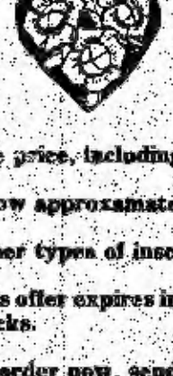

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FOR HOW LONG

The Science Council of Canada has come up with a report on population. It suggests that Canada's ability to sustain a larger population is limited and goes on to recommend a ceiling on immigration at 50,000. The conclusion of the report is of no surprise to anyone since prominent members of the Council have already expressed this view earlier. The only surprise is that the Science Council has done a most unscientific thing by following the usual kind of "research" found in goverament (federal and provincial) circles, i.e., arrive at the conclusions first and then do the "research" by indicating to the researching civil servants what the conclusions should be. The promotion-hungry civil servant thereupon proceeeds to do his own "independent research" and comes to the conclusion the bosses have already arrived at. What a trick to play on the guillible Canadian public!

Of course the report deserves to be shelved without delay. Nevertheless there is a need to examine the population issue in Canada by *really* independent researchers. One suspects that many of these revelations on the need to curtail immigration is inspired by the basic difficulty of accepting coloured immigrants. Had all our immigrants in the last few years been lily (or leper?) white, and mainly from the U.K. or Northern Europe, the Science Council and other august bodies would have said that Canada needs people, more the merrier.

There is no gainsaying the fact that there is serious overcrowding in some of our cities. That needs to be stopped by measures that will provide disincentives to those who intend to move to them. Also we should hav e bold incentives for poeple to move to smaller towns - lower mortgage rates, free public transportation, subsidized recreation ficilities etc. Tax the big-city-lovers to pay for these expenses in smaller towns. Also we can develop new townships and cultivate land which is not under the plough now.

Canada has the potential to become a truly great and powerful nation if Canadians can have the courage to take positive steps to develop this underdeveloped land. However, Canada seems to be choosing the other option, i.e., sit tight on its vast resources as long as it can. One might legitimately ask. For how long?

Surprise Saudi move

Colombo, Aug. 23 (Samachar): Pakistan has failed in an attempt to get entry to the non-alignment movement.

At the morning session of the Foreign Ministers' conference, Saudi Arabia sprang a surprise by proposing Pakistan's name as an observer.

Saudi Arabia contended that its action was on the grounds that Pakistan had sought at Lima (where the non-aligned coordinating bureau meeting took place) last year participation in the economic activities of the non-aligned movement.

After five hours of procedural wrangling on the question of admissions of new members, Felix R. Dias Bandaranaike, chairman of the conference, ruled that Pakistan had not made a formal and direct application.

Since Pakistan's request came through a third party, the chairman said the question of its admission could not be entertained by this conference. He did not rule out a proper application by Pakistan for consideration through the traditional channel of the coordinating committee.

Saudi Arabia had brought the proposal before the plenary despite opposition by the majority of members of the islamic block of countries.

Even as the plenary was discussing the issue, two top Pakistani diplomats, including its Ambassador in Belgrade, were canvassing support for admission.

Letters

Open letter on Air India

Honourable Mr. Otto Lang
Minister of Transport
Ottawa, Ontario
and
Honourable Mr. Raj Bahadur
Minister for Transport
New Dew Delhi, India
Gentlemen:

We are landed immigrants from India now residing in Canada. There are over 200,000 people of Indian origin living in Canada. Over 30,000 of us travel to India each year. More than 13,000 Canadians visited India in 1975.

In addition, over 7,000 visitors from India came to Canada in 1975. Thus , since over 50,000 travellers fly between India and Canada each year, we are strongly advocating that India's national airline, Air-India, should be permitted to fly directly into Toronto and Air-Canada should be allowed to land in Bombay. These flights should be at least twice a week.

We are aware that air services between two countries are bi-lateral. Air-Canada might have some difficulties in flying as far as India.

But, Air-Canada can become a pool-partner of Air-India and share its profits. Air-Canada already has such pool-arrangements with Swiss Air, Lufthansa and BOAC.

Canada is giving foreign aid to India through CIDA and other agencies. However, we feel that an opportunity for fair trade is better than foreign aid. So even if Canada has to grant one-way flights to Air-India, it should be done without delay.

Air-Canada is also losing heavily because the small sector between Toronto and New York is serviced by some American Air companies.

The present situation forces over 50,000 people to fly via New York, resulting in loss of time, double customs-checking and problems concerning visas. We strongly urge both the Canadian and Indian governments to speed up their plans to have a regular air link directly between our two friendly Commonwealth countries.

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International charitable organizations

Your recent editorial blaming various International Charitable Organizations for their activities towards developing countries is most non-charitable and stems from lack of proper knowledge about their programmes.

Each Agency, Government Department and Non-Governmental Organization in any country has some shortcomings however streamlined their operation may be. Most of them have good intentions except a few like the CIA and other intelligence seeking agencies.

Just because quite a number of people do not receive employment through the Dept. of Manpower, one does not come out with a suggestion that the Dept. should be closed down. Similarly, your suggestion of disbanding these organizations, because a group of people complained about the activities of OXFAM or poor promotional materials are exposed through TV and Radio is outrageous. These days, in most developing countries, these organizations CAN NOT operate on a day to day basis without the active cooperation of government departments and in many instances they are repeatedly been invited by various government departments to carry on year after year because of their impact among the poor and helpless.

Many of these organizations have done and are doing good work in health, welfare and community development (housing sanitation, family planning etc.).

Most of their activities are innovative and in some cases very basic and some how or other (because of lack of resources, personnel and so on) local Governments are not keen in initiating most of these projects. Without the support of these charitable organizations, you talk about, people who receive extensive and continuing support would be without them and many of us (who left because of selfish, monetary reasons and do not have the guts to face the reality) who have come to Canada would not have supported them any way.

I have been working in the developing countries with Government Departments and Non-Governmental Organizations and from my personal experience, I know the attitude being taken by the government bureaucrats and intelligentia towards the situation of common poor and under-privileged' amidst us. I have heard arguments and participated in table thumping conversations of self styled leaders and politicians regarding the poor people's plight, however most of them did very little during severe flood and famine. Unfortunately most of us still carry with us the legacy of the past and do not assist in any way in the programmes of many non-government bodies in our communities in Canada, except come out with silly jokes and unnecessary criticisms in our drawing rooms. Most of us, some how, do not consider doing anything other than making and saving money for that unforeseen future, which may be, a bit insecure.

I would suggest that you should take up a constructive attitude and initiate some meaningful programmes (or at least talk about it) to help people in the developing world and in Canada. One way of doing will be through active adoption programme of children from the developing world. Most of us are fortunate enough to take amidst us one or two children and look after them. Such a programme, if done in a methodical and organized manner through the International Child Adoption Agencies would do immense good to many of our people in the developing world. If we can not do this, let's pick one project in a developing country, and let us all join and help. I am sure one of these organizations you have criticised, would be happy to co-operate in initiating such a joint venture and I am sure both the Governments would offer much needed support.

Let's not follow our past. Let's not think about ourselves and our new house, new car and other amentities. Let us outreach and do something for others or assist them who are doing something in whatever way we can.

I would be ready to help through my contacts if necessary.

SUSHIL BHATTACHARJEE
BRANDON, MANITOBA.

Assistance to the disadvantaged

The Vice-President and Provost of the University of Toronto has appointed a Task force to make recommendations with respect to the Transitional Year Programme of the type formerly operated at Innis College and suspended during the 1976-77 year.

This programme was established to assist prospective students who were disadvantaged and prevented from entering university through the ordinary route because of economic and social reasons.

The Task Force intends to conduct open meetings during October and November and to report in December. During the open meetings, the presenters of the written briefs will have an opportunity to speak to them, again within the terms of reference. If you or the group you represent propose to present a brief, the Task Force will be pleased to receive it and give it careful consideration.

It is imperative that the Task Force have both the address and telephone numbers of those submitting written briefs so that notice of place and time of meetings can be given to those who wish to speak to their written briefs.

Briefs should be sent, and any enquiries directed, to Miss Dorothy Robertson, Room 216, Simcoe Hall (telephone: 978-2269 after September 6th).

J.M. Kelly
Chairman, Task Force
University of Toronto
Toronto.

Ottawa radio program

I would like to use your newspaper to express my opinion about the radio programme of music from India that is heard every Sunday morning in Ottawa. This is the best programme of its kind that I have heard anywhere in North America. It depicts not only Indian music but also Indian culture. The organisers and in particular the host of the show are to be congratulated. It should serve as a model for any one who wants to produce a programme of this kind.

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The inner contradictions of opposition

D. K. Joshi

The non-CPI opposition parties have failed to come together to forge what was pompously described as a "creditable national alternative" to the ruling Congress party. Jayaprakash Narayan's call to them to liquidate their separate identities and to march in step with each other under the banner of an entirely new party seems to have fallen on deaf ears.

The four main parties on which Jayaprakash Narayan was banking were the Bharatiya Lok Dal, the Socialist Party, the Organization Congress and the Jana Sangh. He had also hoped to rope in the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and some other regional parties.

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) had made it clear from the beginning that it could not be a part of the new rightist outfit but would continue its policy of all out opposition to the ruling party and therefore collaboration on specific issues with the anti-establishment opposition.

In essence, the attitude of the non-CPI opposition parties remained basically the same as last year before the proclamation of emergency to oust prime minister Indira Gandhi from power.

But this brave posture was only on the surface. Internally, all parties were shaken up and their leaders knew that their rank and file were making an agonising reappraisal of the events which had led to the proclamation of emergency and the developments which had taken place during the last one year. Even some important leaders were not unaffected by the change in the national atmosphere — industrial peace, student discipline, a sense of direction and purpose in national life and popular disenchantment with power politics.

This is also evident from Jayaprakash Narayan's own confession to an interviewer that "Morale in the jails seems to be very much higher than it was outside." He said "the movement is flagging. There are ups and downs in every movement, and we are on the downgrade just now." He has not cared to give reasons but one of them is definitely the impact of the new air of discipline and the psychology of change generated by the implementation of the 20-point program and other measures like the 5-point program of Sanjay Gandhi.

The leftist and democratic sections of the non-CPI opposition find yet another difficulty. They know that their faithfuls are impressed by the 20-point program and to that extent their support has eroded. This is perhaps the reason that impelled Asoka Mehta to declare that they could cooperate with the ruling party in implementing the new economic deal for the weaker sections of society.

They also find it difficult to explain how they could work with elements who had communal and reactionary past. They use the special argument that "if a communist can honestly subscribe to peaceful transformation of society why cannot a Jana Sanghi to a secular social order. . . Are there not instances in recent history of whole nations having changed their ideologies after a traumatic experience? How otherwise did Germany and Japan, both of whom were fascist nations, transform themselves into democracies after the war?" The logic of the argument is not only deceptive but also self-defeating, and will not convince anyone.

NEW PARTY

It was on May 25 this year that JP had announced in Bombay his intention to launch a new party comprising elements from BLD, Jana Sangh, Congress (O) and Socialist Party. This was in pursuance of the resolution passed by leaders of leaders of various opposition parties and members of the steering committee who met in Bombay on May 22 and 23. He made it clear however that some ground will have to be party's name, its constitution and its office bearers could be decided upon in a larger conference.

But the whole exercise turned out to be like putting the cart before the horse, as the subsequent joint and separate meetings of the four political parties brought to surface the inner contradictions.

The national executive of the BLD spilled the beans when it blamed the other three parties for making JP's efforts for a united party infructious. The Congress (O), the Jana Sangh and the Socialist Party were unwilling "to dissolve themselves and merge in the new party today." It also blamed them for their failure to "make any suggestion for the policy and program of the new party." Its own preference was for a policy "based by and large on Gandhian principles."

The sharplyworded BLD resolution indicated that there were serious differences between the four parties on the structure and policy of the new party. The May 23 resolution had outlined in detail the policy framework of the new party and the BLD outburst against the three other parties disclosed dissensions, policy difference and personality clashes all along the line.

It is well known that the Jana Sangh is not prepared to disown the RSS which provides its cadres. The Congress (O) wants the new party to retain the name Congress so that it continues to own vast properties in states like Gujarat, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The Tamil Nadu Congress (O) does not want any truck with the DMK, which itself is ridden with dissensions and whose leaders face serious corruption charges. The SP rank and file feel unhappy over their association with the rightist elements and the BLD leaders feel that they should dominate the new party.

The character of the opposition parties, it is obvious, has not undergone any change in spite of the recent traumatic events. They find it difficult to come out of their narrow selfishness and "the petty small town politicking." They are still obsessed with elections because they are basically power-oriented.

The leaders of the four parties should have a hard look at the national reality and reorient their thinking to the needs of the time. They have also to renew their contacts with the people. A negative attitude to established authority is also a sign of ill health.

India is passing through a crucial period of its history and the opposition parties have as much responsibility towards the nation as the ruling party. But will they discharge their obligation? - NPA Feature Service.

Kuwait township to be built by Indian firm

By George Mathew

New Delhi: India has bagged a turn-key project contract to build an integrated modern township in Kuwait, costing Rs 2,300 million in foreign exchange. The township, to be named Hadian, is the largest ever contract for a turnkey project undertaken abroad by an Indian firm. This is also the largest single contract which Kuwait has awarded to any company.

In addition to awarding the contract for the first phase to Engineering Projects (India) ltd. (EPI), a public sector enterprise, the National Housing Authority (NHA) of Kuwait have requested the Indian firm to submit plans for the second phase for the township for building 2,000 houses.

The integrated modern township, which would be built under this contract includes all the infrastructure facilities, such as roads, water supply, electricity, communication systems, supermarkets, schools, libraries and community centres. It would have 3,317 dwelling units, largely meant for the fixed income groups.

The EPI and Pacific Consultants International (PCI) of Japan have formed a joint venture to implement this project. PCI will render engineering and architectural services which EPI would be responsible for the entire construction management. This is the first turnkey project contract in a third country by an Indo-Japanese joint venture. The Indian involvement in the project would further cement the foundations of Indo-Arab solidarity.

The EPI aims at earning in this region alone Rs. 5,000 million per year from turnkey project contracts during the next few years. For implementing the project in Kuwait, EPI would employ about 6,000 persons from India. These would include engineers, skilled and semi-skilled workers and supporting labour.

Half a million tonnes of construction material, including 3 lakh tonnes of cement, would be exported from India to build the project during a period of three years. As much as 10,000 tonnes of cement and 5,000 tonnes of other materials, such as steel, timber, pipes, sanitary fittings, and other construction material, will have to be moved per month to Kuwait.

EPI are already associated closely with a Dutch company in building the international airport project in Kuwait. In addition to this project, EPI has in hand, contracts for nine turnkey projects in the Middle East, Europe and South East Asia, besides 44 turnkey projects in India.

These projects, covering a wide range of technology from coke oven batteries, low temperature carbonisation plants, sugar projects, crude oil pipe-laying, ore beneficiation plants, crude oil conditioning plants, to electric arc furnaces and reheating furnaces.

Book review
GREEN SNOW

Norma West Linder

GREEN SNOW (anthology of Canadian poets of Asian origin); ed. Stephen Gill, Vesta Publications, P.O. BOX 1641, Cornwall, Ontario, Canada, 120 Pages, Paper, price $5.00.

As our physical world grows smaller with jet travel, it becomes increasingly important for our understanding of its people to grow larger. One of the ways we can accomplish this is by reading the literature of those who come from other cultures. In the medium of poetry, as in no other, authors perform for us a sort of spiritual strip; we really get to know the person behind the words.

In Green Snow we are privileged to have before us a sampling of the works of twenty Canadian poets of Asian origin. Among the familiar names in this anthology I found some that had been hitherto unfamiliar to me. And I find myself identifying with them in various ways. Rajbans Ojlai Gahun's 'Straight silvery Indian Eucalyptuses' that look down upon passing travellers 'with contempt and give no shade or love' remind me of some people I have known. Akbar Khan's 'An Indian Wedding' with its pervasive pessimism stirs up moods about life's ceremonies that most of us have experienced at one time or another. There's an almost unbearable sense of melancholia in many of the poems: in Dr. Padmanabh's moving 'Unattended Cremation', in Uma Parameswaran's beautiful song to her mother, and in the haunting imagery of W. A. Shaheen's 'The ball'.

Most of the poetry in Green Snow concerns itself with the theme of alienation. But Joy, too, can occasionally be found peeking through here and there in these exotic poems, in lines such as, waiting sun./" -- from Rienzi Crusz' "summertime at Waterloo Park."

Editor Stephen Gill is to be congratulated for building, in his words, "a bridge among ethnic groups themselves, and between them and the country's two charter groups to foster understanding and multiculturalism."

Ontario act discriminates

Toronto:

An end to the religious discrimination that makes it more difficult for those who are neither Christians nor Jews to hold church property is being requested by

Veerendra Adhiya president of Bharvat Bhavan Hindu Temple.

He has sent petitions to 50 religious and cultural organizations and hopes to sign up between 5,000 and 10,000 supporters. He outlined the shortcoming of the act to Premier William Davis in 1973 and to Attorney-General Robert Welch in 1974. He had referred the matter to the Ontario Law Reform Commission and expected a report early in 1975.

The act establishes the ways in which religious societies and church congregations can acquire, mortgage, sell or otherwise deal with land used for religious or congregational purposes.

The idea was to permit the replacement or retirement of the trustees without the need to register a new deed to the land. Congregations that acquired their names could do so without a new deed.

Because Hindus are not covered by the act, Mr. Adhiya had to register the temple in his own name and a new deed will be needed when he or subsequent signatories are replaced as one of the five trustees.

He has urged that the Hindus and other established major Asian religions - such as the Sikhs, Zorastrians, Buddhists, Jain and Islamic faiths - be included in the act.

Immigration offer lures

By George Matthew

New Delhi: A young post-graduate who offered to immigrate to USA after marriage to lure women into his marriage racket to satisfy his lust for women and money has fallen in the net of the Delhi police. He has been charged with cheating, kidnapping and raping young girls who fell victims to his "hoax marriage racket."

Prem Nath, 35, has a post-graduate degree in Business Administration from Boston University. He comes from Mathura in Uttar Pradesh. He is married with two children, but separated from his wife about a decade ago.

A novel method for quick money and young girls struck him one day. He inserted matrimonial advertisement in a local newspaper reading: "Executive, 35, MBA (USA), earning Rs 2,800, invites proposals from ladies with absolutely no intermediaries. May return to USA soon. Caste, religion, family status, age, education immaterial. Apply immediately," and gave a Post Box No. for replies.

Mrs. Chhabra, a working woman and a divorcee, was his first victim. Initially they decided to marry and Prem Nath is said to have duped her of Rs. 5000. Later, they came together and decided to run the "hoax marriage racket" as a joint venture and used Mrs. Chhabra's residence for its operation.

A number of replies to his advertisements poured in. Prem Nath would establish contact with the girls and introduce Mrs. Chhabra as his cousin. After they are lured into sexual relations, he would keep postponing a formal engagement and in the meantime, he would extract as much money as possible from them before deserting them for good.

Most of the girls who responded to the advertisement were well educated and employed. Five of them were from Delhi, three from Bombay and one from Lucknow. Prem Nath is said to have cheated them of Rs. 22,000 in all.

The arrests of Prem Nath and Mrs. Chhabra were made following a complaint by one of the victims. Two others have complained of having been raped by Prem Nath. He is said to have confessed before the police that he had sexual relations with five of them. According to available information nine girls have fallen victim to his racket.

New Citizenship Act passed

OTTAWA- Canada's new nationality law, Bill C-20, was given Royal Assent last week shortly after it was passed by both Houses of Parliament. The Bill, which received wide support from all parties in Parliament, was drafted by officials of the Department of the Secretary of State in consultation with many ethnd-cultural groups. It will be ready to be implemented in early 1977.

The Secretary of State, J. Hugh Faulkner, stated that "This new Act will make the acquisition of citizenship a more logical, equitable and consistent process and I envisage that it will encourage many residents accross the country to become official members of our great Canadian family." Under the new Act, applicants for naturalization are treated alike, regardless of sex or country of origin and citizenship now becomes a right, provided certain conditions are met. Mr. Faulkner also stated that it is "a new and unique Act, not just a revision of the old one and is one that will make Canada a leader in the field of nationality law".

One of the principle features of the new Act is the reduction of the qualifying period of residency before application for Canadian citizenship form five to three years.

The new Act also implements several recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women. These changes include:

-The alien husband of a Canadian wife now has to fulfill the same residency requiremtns, that is, three years, as the alien wife of a Canadian husband.

-Either the father or the mother of a minor child may now make application to obtain their child's Canadian citizenship.

-For the next two years, a parent may apply for Canadian Citizenship on behalf of a child born abroad to a Canadian mother under the present Citizenship Act. Such persons are not now Canadian citizens unless their father was a Canadian at the time of their birth.

-The new Act is more equitable in that children born abroad are now given rights to citizenship equal to those born in Canada since it eliminates the requirement that children born outside of Canada be registered within two years and become residents in Canada by age 24, as well as passes the rights to citizenship conditionally to the second generation born abroad.

-With respect to the resumption of citizenship, women who lost citizenship through marriage prior to 1947 can now recover it automatically upon notice to the Minister, whereas previously they had to reside in Canada, make an application and take an oath.

-Several provisions of the new Act make the application process for citizenship more clear and consistent and remove the potential for abuse of discretionary power.

-The new Act thus gives Citizenship Judges the primary responsibility for examining all applicants for grant, retention, resumption or renunciation of citizenship. Citizenship now becomes a right provided certain conditions are met. Any decision by a Citizenship Judge may be appealed before the Federal Court by the Minister or by the applicant.

-Judges may also exercise a certain positive discretion on behalf of the Minister. For example, there is no longer a language exemption for wives or older persons in the Act, but these requirements may be waived for compassionate reasons. Similar discretion may be exercised regarding the requirement for knowledge of Canada.

-The Governor-in-Council is given authority to grant citizenship to alleviate hardship or reward services to Canada.

Other provisions of the new Act include:

-The age of majority is reduced from 21 to 18 years of age, the age of federal enfranchisement. This provision allows young residents 18 years of age or over to apply for citizenship independently of their parents.

-Citizenship can now be resumed as a right by former citizens who have been admitted for permanent residence and have resided in Canada for one year immediately before application.

-Citizenship may be revoked in cases where naturalization has been procured by fraudulent means.

-Recognition of the status of "citizen of the Commonwealth" for all citizens of other Commonwealth countries, whether British subjects or not. The Act thus safeguards the righs and privileges derived by British subjects or Commonwealth citizens from federal and provincial statutes.

By removing many inequities and barriers that existed under previous legislation, the new Act is expected to encourage the acquisition of citizenship. Such encouragement is a continuation of the Secretary of State's policy of outreach which in the past few years has seen the expansion of court facilities and operations, the opening of new store-front facilities which operate outside normal office hours and the establishment of mobile teams to register applicants in their own communities and places of work.

S.Africa Indians uprooted

Cape Town, Aug 26 (Samachar): Despite protests by Johannesburg Indians, the South African Government is going ahead with the removal of Indian traders in Pageview under the Group Areas Act.

The Group Areas Act provides for the racial, rezoning of South Africa. The hardest hit have been South Africas 750,000 Indians and 2,300,000 coloureds of mixed race descent. The eight million Africans have been moved into segregated township under other laws.

Thousands of Indians have been uprooted from their homes and business under the Group Areas Act, and forced to live and trade in what they call 'segregated ghettos'. Many have been financially ruined, having been moved from areas where all races have had access to their stores to 'ghettos' where only Indians live.

The Department of Community Development began the removal of Indians from Pageview in Johannesburg, during July. Indians have had freehold trading in Pageview for more than 80 years. Pageview has been declared an area now exclusively for white occupation.

A special shopping complex has been opened for Indian traders at the Oriental Plaza in Fordsburg, Johannesburg. Although some Pageview Indians have opened shops there, they are refusing to close their existing shops in Pageview.

There were skirmishes between Indian traders and departmental officials tried to forcibly remove the traders from their Pageview shops. Police were sent with dogs to maintain order.

When the officials arrived in Pageview to begin the removal they erected a chain barrier across the street to prevent traffic. Angry Indian businessmen left their shops and tore down the chain. Then they gathered ouside the shop where officials were supervising an eviction.

After heated exchanges, the officials withdrew, and returned later with the police who used dogs to clear the area.

About 200 Indian youths broke away from the crowded street scene and marched towards the Oriental Plaza more than a mile away. Carrying a banner which read 'please leave us alone,' they surged into the Plaza before officials could stop them and tried to force all the occupants to close their stores in sympathy for those evicted from Pageview. Police with dogs again appeared on the scene, and a woman was bitten on the leg.

Objectives of non-aligned movement

(From Our Correspondent)

OTTAWA, August 28, 1976. 'The non-alivalry and political missionary zeal of the Big Powers to convert other countries to their way of thinking or, at least, to judge them by their own standards', says the Indian High Commissioner in Canada, Uma Shankar Bajpai.

Replying to an editorial in the Globe and Mail of Toronto, Mr Bajpai says that the so-called free western world has always distrusted and, either sincerely or wilfully, misunderstood the objectives of the non-aligned movement. In the light of this general approach, the paper's conclusion that 'after three decades of international affairs conducted with fervent missionary zeal, it may be time to rediscover the old virtues of taking people as they are and leaving well enough alone' is commendable.

It is not surprising, Mr. Bajpai points out, that the voice of Vietnam is found by the paper to be most articulate as representing genuine non-alignment, as that country's stand has been taken as a gesture of friendship towards your great southern neighbour, which is of obvious interest to you in more ways than one'.

Without in any way detracting from the importance of Vietnam, the High Commissioner invites the paper's attention to the articulate voices which the Western media did not even bother to report. No member of the non-aligned movement, least of all India, he adds, is worried as to who is more or less articulate since, as its founding member, India does not need any certificates from anyone.

Quoting from Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi's statement at the Colombo Conference that 'India has always refrained from bringing up bilateral problems at non-aligned or international forums', the High Commissioner expresses astonishment at the paper's statement that India approached this meeting mainly as a sounding board for the differences that obtain between it and Bangladesh on the sharing of the waters of the Ganga River.

Canada's closed door policy

The Science Council of Canada handed in its report to Government last Wednesday. In its report, the Council recommends that Canada limit immigration to 50,000 persons per year, that is half of the 1975 figure of 100,000 persons admitted. Failing this, the report stresses that we face shortages of materials and natural resources.

How seriously can we take these 'scientific' predictions? Canada has almost 4,000,000 squar miles and 6 persons per square mile. The U.S.A. has 60 persons per square mile and the United Knigdom averages 600 persons per square mile. No one is attempting to say what is the optimum figure, but at a density of 6, it is certainly insane for scientists to start talking about depletion of resources.

Canada is a huge, bountiful country, but, just as no man is an island unto himself, so too no country can survive in isolation. Canada's good life is enjoyed because of hard work on the part of Canadians, no denying that. White, black, brown and yellow Canadians, who came here by boats and planes played their part in this saga. Beyond all that, red Canadians, whose fathers and great-grand father were born here played their part in this saga. Too often we forget the lesser actors in the drama.

Canada needs people. Even the Science Council must acknowledge that fact. It is all well and good to say that we now have the good life and we are not going to jepopardise it by letting in any more than we lose by emigration, but how long will the rest of the world sit at a bare table and watch Canada enjoying its feast. Not very long, we can be sure. So it would be a far far better thing for Canadato show some enlightened initiative and reject once and for all, the pseudo scientific nonsense that masquerades as reason.

The Prime Minister is a man of broad vision, but even he is limited by political considerations He must know that canada cannot lock out everybody of colour. He must know that Canada has obligations to other less fortunate countries. (Contrast)

Eleven killed in rain

New Delhi: Eleven persons were killed and many injured in house collapses and electrocutions as a result of heavy downpour which griped the capital for three days continuously from August 16. The rain accompanied by whipping cyclonic storm was the heaviest of the season.

Essential services were thrown out of gear. The power supply was switched off due to leakage in the sub-station at Rohatak road. Communication, transport, drainage, air and rail traffic and everything else were disrupted. More than 1,500 telephones were dead in some areas. The blowing winds up rooted trees and snapped electric and telephone wires. Many roads were flooded due to blockage of the drainage system. The Capital wore a deserted look with thin attendance in schools and offices. The Yamuna crossed the danger mark posing a threat of flood in the adjoining residential areas.

The weather office recorded 158.8 mm of rainfall in less than 24 hours. The total rainfall this season was 756.3 mm which exceeded the normal rainfall during the monsoon in Delhi by 395.6 mm. The wind velocity was 62 km per hour during the storm which brought the mercury down by 7°C.

The rainfall was heavy in most of the northern parts of India. A report from Bombay said six persons were killed and seven injured when a five storeyed building in south Bombay collapsed in heavy rain.

George Mathew

Nehru award for Salk

New Delhi, Aug. 26 (Samachar): Dr. Jonas Salk, American discoverer of the anti-polio vaccine, has been bestowed upon the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding.

Dr. Salk is the first scientist among the 11 Nehru laureates chosen so far for outstanding service to humanity.

Instituted in 1965, the Rs 100,000 ($11,111) award by a seven member headed by the Vice President, has been awarded annually to men and women for outstanding contribution to the promotion of international understanding, goodwill and friendship among the peoples of the world."

Martin Luther King and Yehudi Menuhin were previous American laureates.

The award will be presented to Dr. Salk at a special ceremony here on a date convenient to him.

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Scheme to utilise talents

The Department of Science and Technology has formulated a scheme for the utilisation of talented Indian scientists and technologists settled abroad for development programmes in India.

The scheme will be operated by an advisory committee to be constituted by the Department of Science and Technology. The committee will include representatives of all the scientific agencies as well as the Ministry of Education.

This scheme will be limited to scientists and technologists of outstanding eminence who have retained strong links with the country.

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Films

SHANKAR DADA

Directed by Shibu Mitra
Written and produced by S. K. Kapur

Shankar Dada is a potboiler with no difference. It is the tortuous tale of twins Ram and Shankar, who get separated and grow up both looking unbelievably like Shashi Kapoor, but on opposite sides of the law and order fence.

The others involved in this routine game of cops and smugglers are Pran, Ashok Kumar, Anwar Hussain, Roopesh Kumar, Shetty etc. not forgetting gangster-moll Bindu.

The films only significance is accidental; it is the first to be scissored re-shot and re-edited under the new censorship policy. And it seems to have escaped unbruised: violence has not been banished, nor have sexual titillation and cloak and dagger drama. The ministry of information and broadcasting has incidentally cited it as the permissible limit to violence and skin-exposure on screen.

Ashok Kumar plays a conscientious police officer, Pran is in his element, in a multifarious role, **Dus Numbri** style, as he switches guise and mannerism with dexterity. Ashok Kumar sings a frivolous duet with Bindu. Shashi Kapur dons the wig and powder of a dancing girl and shakes his pelvis in perverse fashion. Neetu Singh lacks sparkle, while Anjali Kadam makes a fine appearance, first as a dutiful young wife and then as a half-crazed old woman. Shibu Mitra had a reputation for action films (**Bindiya aur Bandook** and **Khoon ki Keemat**) In **Shankar Dada** he serves up rather thick box-office gruel.

SUNTAN

DIRECTED AND PRODUCED BY MOHAN SEGAL

Freud could have picked up a thing or two from our scriptwriters. Like the fact that a child brought up by kind and loving parents must of necessity be wicked and wilful. And that a logical extension of this idea in the third generation the good returns to the fore. From this philosophical assumption sprouts the Suntan plant. The fruit indeed is varied: premarital sex, an illigitimate child, a spitfire vamp, a comic herome, a villain turned hero and a hero who is the soul of reform, flesh-coated.

Ashok Kumar and Nirupa Roy play a virtuous old couple, with habitual grace. Nirupa, one-time goddess of the screen has never, I think, played vamp or wanton. Ashok Kumar has diverted twice from the straight and narrow - to the delightful comic-villain roles of VICTORIA NO 203 and CHORI MERA KAAM. Unfortunate that their SUNTAN role make no such demands on them.

Satyen Kappu, no spring chicken, makes a baggy-eyed dissolute son to the old folks. That glamour-girl Bindu should fall in love with him seems quite unlikely. In fact Bindu's lavish makeup and figure-hugging costumes provide the only razzle-dazzle in the picure. Rekha who plays heroine is entertaining in her glib, pan-chewing gypsy appearances, so is Johny Walker a somewhat deaf buffoon. Utpal Dutt was a let-down in the foolish role of Zoravar Singh Phansivala and hero Jeetendra's performance is too lack-lustre to leave any impression.

Bindu's hybrid dances are the only concession to the previous formula. SUNTAN'S moralistic overtones, catering to a new censorship policy which eschews sex and violence, may herald an era in which idealism is preached to the hilt, after the fashion of the forties.

Mohan Segal has in the past made some off-beat films, but SUNTAN is no more than 18 reels of sentimental melodrama.

DARSHAK IN DEMOCRATIC WORLD

Delhi-Karachi flights begin

New Delhi, Aug 26 (Samachar): Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) opetated their first flight on the Karachi-Delhi-Karachi sector with a Boeing 707 aircraft.

With the starting of this service, the process of restoration of airlinks between India and Pakistan by both Indian air Lines (the national carrier) and PIA was completed.

Indian Air Lines has started operation on Delhi-Karachi sector.

Guinness take note!

Palgaht, (Kerala), Aug 20 (Samachar): A man ate 135 dosas and walked away with the wager of eight chickens offered by his challenger.

Chatan (36) an agricultural worker, sitting in pouring rain in a tea shop at Kottapuram, 50 km from here, had been asked by his friend, Sankaran, whether he could gulp an 18-inch high stack of dosas in return for Rs 50 ($5) or eight chickens plus the price of dosas.

Chatan accomplished the feat to the dismay of his friend.

UGP merges with Congress

New Delhi, The United Goans Party has announced its decision to merge with the ruling Indian National Congress party.

Its President, A.N. Naik, Member of the Goa State Legislative Assembly, said this at a Press conference in Delhi after meeting congress leaders, including the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi and the congress President, D.K. Borooah.

The party has seven MLAs in the 2-member Goa Assembly. The Congress has only one member in the house.

Indian feature films for Libya

New Delhi, Aug. 23 (Samachar): A contract for the export of latest feature films to Libya has been signed by the Libyan Cinema Organisation and the Indian Motion Pictures Export Corporation (IMPEC), according to an official report.

Report on Montreal sought

New Delhi, Aug 26 (Samachar): The Indian Hockey Federation has been asked to send a report to the Education Ministry on the performance of the hockey team in the Montreal Olympics.

Informing this in the Rajya Sabha, the Deputy Minister for Education Arvind Netam who led the Indian contingent to the Montreal Olympiad, said enquiries revealed that a letter purported to have been signed by members of the hockey team had been received by the Indian Hockey Federation secretary and the chairman of the selection committee, alleging that they had been harshly treated by the team's manager. A report in this matter had been called for from the Federation.

Women's hockey team for 1980

Jaipur Aug. 26 (Samachar): India will be among six countries which will participate in the inaugural women's hockey competition at Moscow in the 1980 Olympiad at Moscow.

Disclosing this, the All India Womens Hockey Association president Mrs. Reena Mukherjee said here that the names of five countries will be announced later.

Mrs. Mukherjee returned here after attending the general council meeting of the Federation of International Hockey (FIH) at Montreal.

Postscript to the XXI olympiad

by Thomas Pannikar

OLYMPISM, that most enduring of man's endevours, has now survived the realities of Montreal, and now it begins a forced march toward the Russian capital for yet another grueling test.

For eighty years, through Berlin, Melbourne, Munich - and now Jean Drapeau - the myth of elevation through muscular power has remained with us as tenacious as a marathon runner. It won't die.

We clobber Olympics with politics, commercialism, spiralling inflation, state professionalism and even barbed wire. We also dissect these games with stop-action, split screens and video tape and we shout run on, on and it really runs.

Hopefully, we are learning. More than anything else, Montreal has made a serious attempt to teach us a new lesson. What is the significance of Montreal's efforts? The city has taught us that the Games can be self-financing. Thus the Games can be held in not-so-rich nations of the world.

The cost of building the Olympic Park in the most part of the city resulted in a million bellicose tax payers who did not want a rise in taxes even if their overall effect would be like that of a feather falling on a rock. Now, who would rail against the project - a lasting monument - while thousand of visitors gaped at the structures in sheer amazement.

The doors of the Olympic stadium in Montreal were slammed on Taiwan and more than two dozen African nations under painful circumstances, but the collective attention of the overwhelming majority of the people was riveted on those countries which participated in the Games.

India's performace, it goes without saying, had been dismal when athletes from a number of small countries and islands went home with a handful of medals. If proper training is given India will be able to form excellent teams in rowing and diving; this writer is convinced about this after watching in person and on television several international teams participating in rowing. Our weather, needless to say, is ideal for this sport. Moreover, there are hundreds and thousands of rivers and lakes which one does not find in many regions of the world.

Olympic Games lose their significance and appeal to the world once the international roots which nourish and support them are cut off. Yet, nationalism plays a dominant role in nearly every phase of the Olympic movement. That spirit is clearly reflected in the partiality demonstrated by a number of judges. It is time to consider the Olympics as a keen contest among the world's outstanding athletes rather than as a national duel.

Future games may be held in two cities at the same time by dividing various events. This method will drastically reduce the economic and managerial burden slapped on one city or nation alone. This will also enhance the international spirit of the the Olympic Games.

THE ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ENUMERATION STARTS NEXT WEEK

The annual municipal enumeration will be conducted between Tuesday September 7 1976 and Saturday September 18 1976 inclusive. During those two weeks an enumerator carrying a proper identification card will call at your residence for a few minutes to check basic information required in determining:

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- the allocation of education property taxes between the public and separate school systems.
- the distribution of provincial grants to local governments to help reduce local tax bills.
- the preparation of jurors' lists and
- population information needed for other municipal programs.

The enumerator must record such information as the name, age, property status (e.g. owner or tenant), school support and residency of all members of the household.

When the enumerator visits please check that the information on the Enumeration Notice is correct. If it is not revise it and verify the changes.

If you are not home, a Notice will be left for you. If changes are necessary, please make them and mail the Enumeration Notice, as soon as possible, in the self addressed postage prepaid envelope accompanying the Notice. For any additional information, please contact the local assessment office.

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"I think if we are to feel at home in the world..we shall have to admit Asia to equality in our thoughts, not only politically but culturally. What changes this will bring about I do not know, but I am conviced they will be....of the greatest importance."
BERTRAND RUSSEL

An Indian official to a wester psychologist: "You bring up your children, we live with ears."

"The more I have reflected on English life, the more I have come to cherish Indian emphasis on duties as opposed to rights, on gentleness as opposed to assertiveness, on suffering as opposed to avenging an injury, on genuine warmth and affection as opposed to formal and impersonal cordiality, on sacrifice and loyalty as opposed to self-interest, and on the family as opposed to the individual."
AN INDIAN IN ENGLAND

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"To say that a man is 'coloured' is to suggest that he is reducible to his colour, that his colour is the only significant thing about him, that colour, like leprosy, is a disease which the poor man suffers from and from which the white man is miraculously exempt."
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"As our newspapers become progressively dull, the reader drowning in boredom clutches at every joke. AIR news bulletin nowadays sound like a company chairman's annual address. Profits are carefully and elaborately enumerated, losses are either omitted or played down. Shareholders are reassured."
ABU ABRAHAM IN SEMINAR, JAN 76

"The reason why the Sun does not set on the British Empire is that even the good Lord would not trust them."
V.K. KRISHNA MENON IN HYDE PARK.

Indo-Russian protocol

Moscow, Aug 25 (Samachar): India and the Soviet Union have signed a protocol here identifying new areas of collaboration in third country projects involving Indian know-how and capabilities in civil construction.

Erection of a prefabrication plant in West Asia may be among the first such projects n be taken up and detailed negotiations are expected to begin by the end of this month.

Tribal bachelors meet challenge in wedding

Kozhikode. The ever-increasing 'bride wealth', money to be given by the bridegroom to the bride before marriage, which was only five 'panams' (a little over Rs. 1.50), has now gone up to anything between Rs 5 and Rs 300.

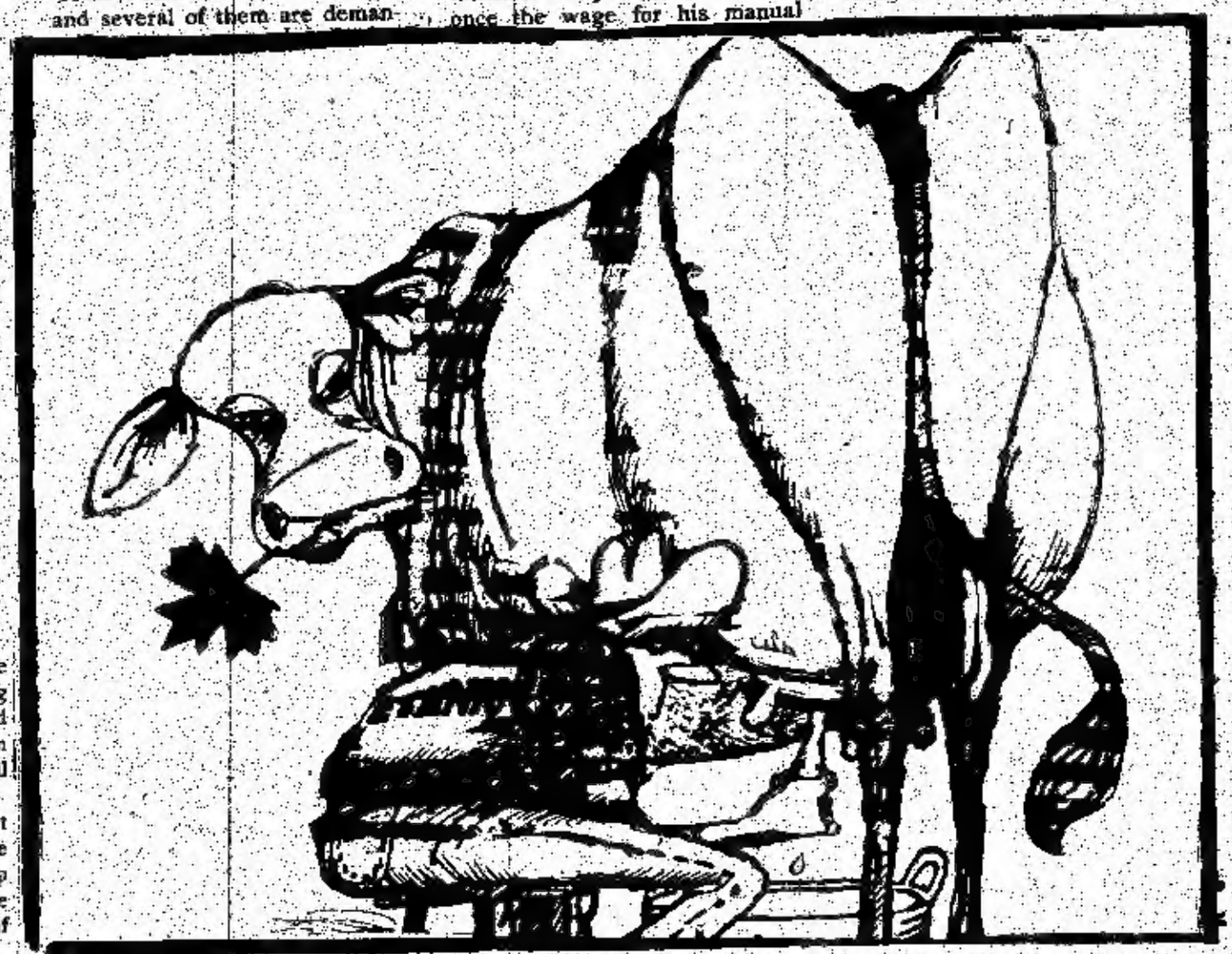
Even some of the primitive tribals like the Cholanaikyans, who were not practising this system, have now introduced 'bride wealth' in their marriages and several of them are demanding hard cash instead of payment in kind like paddy or forest produces.

A few marriages defying the barriers of the 'bride wealth' system had taken place, but by and large one who cannot afford to pay for his bride has to remain a bachelor.

The enterprising youngsters among the tribals have, however, found a way out.

They will work for the bride's father for a specified period and once the wage for his manual labour equals the money demanded by the father as bride wealth, he will walk away with his bride.

Dr. P.R.G. Mathur, special officer of the tribal research and training centre who narrated this practice of the tribals to newsmen said that they did not call this system of manual labout as bonded labour. On the other hand, they take pride in doing this 'marriage service' to the bride's father and get her the really hard way.



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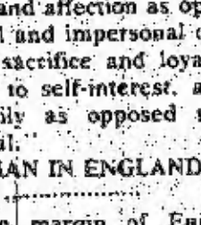
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Who's Who Among Indian Immigrants in North America Directory [1976]
Edited by Mahendra K. Doshi
Published by Bhupendra Verma & Mahendra K. Doshi
Pages: 432, Price: $10.00 a copy.

Published a few months ago, this Directory certainly is America's first Indian Who's Who Directory. A voluminous work (432 pages) it took more than 18 months in production. This pioneering work must be commended at the outset. It will be useful to all and sundry. This Directory gives useful service by listing bio-datas of approximately 2,000 Indians in North America representing almost all major professions. While most Who's Who do not contain photographs of its entrants, this Who's Who does. It lists 50 percent of its biographees with photographs. The biodata of Indian immigrants lists professional and family information and even hobbies.

For our review purposes, this Directory may be divided into 4 parts: I gives editorial details; a chapter on distinguished Indians whose bio-data was not available to the Editors; interesting immigration statistics about Indians in the USA. (The Directory claims that there are no more than 110,000 Indians in the USA; among them 7600 with green cards, 6500 US citizens and about 14,000 students etc.) These figures were obtained, according to the Editors from the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. and therefore are highly reliable. part I also gives a comprehensive listings of Indian Government and Semi-Government agencies officials in America.

Then next part II, contains approximately 2,000 Indian professionals entries with bio-data and photographs. This is the most interesting part of the Directory. A ready made mailing list with addressed and phone nos., the bio-data lists most professions. I find these details about various professionals very useful for social, professional and even from business point of view. If you want to find a fellow engineer or doctor or businessman you will find him in this book. According to its editors, this Directory will create a bridge between various Indian immigrants. . . . The Directory contains entries from every state of the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii. . . . Another interesting thing that I found in this work is that it has entries from quite a few eligible persons. And so from the matrimonial point of view. . . I rather not tell you how to go about doing it.

Parts III & IV are in yellow pages. Part III is the list of Indian and Indian related businesses in the U.S. and Canada. In my opinion this is a first comprehensive list of most Indian businesses such as saree, grocery, travel agents, etc. This must have been compiled with great labour. Besides being useful to businessmen, new or old, this list will also be useful to those looking for Indian shops in Indian inhabited cities or States of America and Canada.

Part IV contains advertisements mostly of Indian businesses in New York, New Jersey and a few other parts of America and Canada with an index for quick references.

As in most pioneering works, this work is not without shortcomings. Some photographs of the biographees are not recognisable. A few entrants escaped scrutiny of the editorial eyes and were included with no mention of their progressions. Some entrants were given more space than most. I believe the Editors should have arbitrarily fixed the number of words each entrant was to be permitted. Some criticism of chapter on "Distinguished Indians" should be in order here. I would like to ask the Editors what was your criterion for selecting this list? Should not you have been more discreet?

I am sure this Directory will soon become a ready reference book. It should be in every Indian home. For further inquiries, write to: Bimal Swami of the Donway East, Suite D8, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 1X7.

Toronto seminar on citizenship

Indian Immigrant Aid Services of Toronto will hold a Canadian Citizenship Seminar at the Parkdale Public Library on September 16, at 6:30 p.m. You are welcome to participate and ask about the new citizenship act. For more information call 651-1400 in Toronto.

Manu M. Savani, President Gala Films Ltd., with Miss Zeenat Aman and Mrs. Vipula M. Savani.

Research awards by IDRC

OTTAWA —Research awards to 15 Canadian and 23 Third World professionals, made under the Human Resources development program of the International Development Research Centre.

There are three categories of awards. Five Canadian graduate students, and five graduate students from developing countries, have been recommended for awards to enable them to undertake PhD thesis research in Canada on subjects related to international development.

Eighteen research associate awards go to professionals in mid-career who plan to spend a sabbatical year abroad improving their kowledge and skills in various fields of international development. These awards, 10 to Canadians and eight to other professionals from developing countries, provide a stipend of up to $18,500 as well as research and travel funds.

been, or will be, connected with IDRC-supported projects. These awards are given to enable the grantees to further their professional training.

The names and addresses of some of the successful applicants follow, together with a brief description of the subjects of study of those grantees who have completed arrangements for their research.

Ken Riley, Winnipeg, Manitoba. After working as a plant breeder in Tanzania and Ethiopia, Mr. Riley is building on this experience to study the improvement of the nutritional quality of sorghum, with an emphasis on incorporating high lysine characteristics. He will do further research at Hyderabad, India.

Muriel Bent, Middleton, Nova Scotia. A nursing superintendent and hospital administrator with 20 years' service in India. Miss Bent will be taking a Master's degree in Community Health at

There are also six training awards for researchers who have the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.

V. T. Palan, Malaysia. Senior statistician in the Malaysian Government's department of statistics, Mr. Palan will study certain non-contraceptive determinants of population change.

T. A. Sinnathuray, Singapore. Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Malaysia, Professor Sinnathuray will undertake further research and training in academic obstetrics and gynaecology in Britain, the United States and Australia.

Deepak Bajracharya of Tehran, Iran is undertaking studies leading to a D. Phil. Degree in the History and Social Studies of Science at the University of Sussex.

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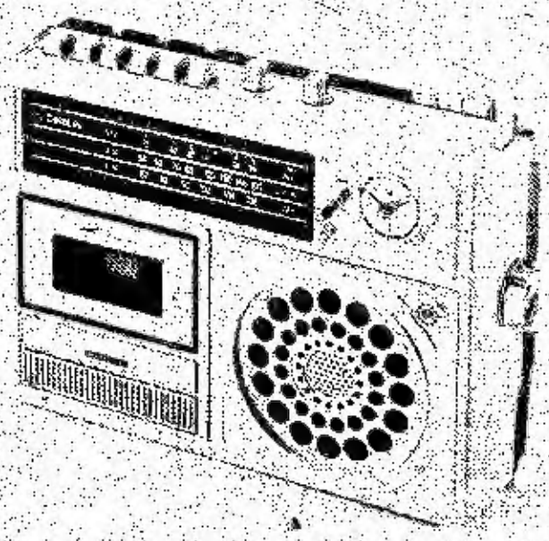

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Independence day celebrated in Toronto

By Manjula Parakat

The program arranged by the India Canada Association on Agusut 14 to celebrate India's 29th year of independence was packed with surprises. At the very outset, it was comforting to see a large turnout of fellow Indians on the occasion, thanks to India Canada Association's early publicity campaign, as well as advance invitations extended to 14 other sister organizations urging them to participate.

The evening started with a short brilliant documentary on Prime Minister Indira Gandhi which besides being very cleverly directed, supplied answers to quite a few burning questions and doubts that have been agitating the Western world since the proclamationof Emergency.

This was followed by Vande Mataram which was drowned by shouts of "Indira Gandhi Murdabad" and "Naxalbari Zindabad", until the Metro Police officers bundled out a few of the troublesome elements. Thereafter, Toronto's Consul General, M. L. Suri started reading the President's message and this was again greeted with vehement protests from a group of Indian ladies. What, with the general noise and confusion, the police officers hesitating to turn the ladies out of the hall, and the sponsors of the program urging them to throw them out, I was completely distracted and missed the substance of the President's message. To make matters worse, the Chief Guest, an elderly gentleman of Jewish ancestry took to the stage and was subjected to his share of rascist slurs from an anti-Zionist group. Then, Mr. Sivappa, an itinerant MLC from Karnataka State in India, despite rude interruptions, managed to put through his speech with single-minded rapidity. Quite frankly, all this "gondogol" (confusion) as we term it in West Bengal, made me feel rather homesick indeed. By the time these stage appearances, introductions and speeches were over, the audience were squirming uneasily in their seats wondering when the variety program would begin.

The remainder of the show was quite peaceful and the audience were treated to "rashtriya sangeet," film songs, veena, piano and guitar recitals, a Carnatic vocal piece and a couple of dances by local amateurs. This was followed by tea and snacks.

Despite the initial attempts made by radicals to disrupt the program, it was quite a success. The fact that Indians had forgotten their differences and banded together on this occasion was highly appreciable and we all hope that this attitude keeps up. The only fly in the ointment so to speak were the lengthy tedious speeches which the audience were subjected to, which in future, should be sliced down to the minimum in accordance with the solemnity of the occasion.

The Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi unfurling the National Flag on the ramparts of the historic Red Fort in the Capital on the 29th Anniversary of Independence on August 15.

Nuclear know-how for export

New Delhi: Iran, Indonesia, and Peru have sought India's cooperation in the development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

Rajya Sabha was informed that India has entered into bilateral agreements for cooperation in the peaceful uses of atomic energy with Afghanistan, Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Iraq, Rumania, Spain, the U.S.A. and the Soviet Union.

Bangladesh surprises India

New Delhi, Aug 23 (Samachar): The Deputy Minister for External Affairs, Bipin Pal Das has expressed surprise in the Lok Sabha, that Bangladesh wanted to raise the question of sharing of the Ganga waters for the whole year instead of only during the lean season.

In reply to a question in the House Mr. Das said that the agreement reached last year between the two countries had provided for the release of 40,000 cusecs of water to Farakka barrage during the lean period.

Mr. Das told members that a communique had been received recently in response to India's invitation for further talks on the subject but declined to give its details.

Foreign exchange remittances doubled

New Delhi: The Minister of State for Banking and Revenue has informed the Lok Sabha that the inward remittances of foreign exchange in the first half of 1976 averaged around Rs 1,100 million ($122.2 million) a month.

This was more than double the monthly figure of Rs 475 million ($52.8 million) in 1974 and 25 percent more than the monthly average of Rs 880 million ($97.7 million) in 1975.

India stands for freedom and equality

Colombo, Aug. 27 (Samachar): The Indian Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, said here that India had always been in words and in deeds, on the side of freedom, justice, equality and cooperation.

Addressing the fifth non-aligned summit, Mrs. Gandhi said that India's views and its firm, consistent and principled stand, sometimes in the face of great odds, were well known.

India always fought against all forms of colonialism and racialism and had resisted political and economic pressures whether obvious or subtly disguised.

MISA extended

New Delhi, Aug. 27 (Samachar) The Rajya Sabha, upper house gave its assent to the Bill seeking to extend by one year the life of special provision made in it to deal with the emergency.

With the upper houses approval, the Bill comes into force immediately. The Lok Sabha, lower house had approved it August 16.

Recommendation on Fernandes writing

New Delhi, Aug. 27 (Samachar) The Committee of Privileges of the Lok Sabha has recommended that two notices purported to be in the handwriting of George Fernandes, former member of the House, trade union leader and leader of the socialist party, purporting to bear his signatures may be, with the permission of the House, made available to the special police establishment of the Central Bureau of Investigation.

The CBI had made a request for "admitted writings of Mr. Fernandes" in connection with the "investigation of the Baroda Dynamite seizure case."

A godown of a business man of Baroda was raided where a large quantity of dynamites and ammunition was found by CBI.

Hathi Haryana Governor

New Delhi, Aug 22 (Samachar): Jaisukhlal Hathi, former Labour Minister, has been appointed Governor of Haryana and Bidesh Tukaram Kulkarni, Lieutenant Governor (Chief Administrator of a Union Territory) Pondicherry.

Mr. Hathi was a member of the Constituent Assembly. He was also a member of the Rajya Sabha, upper house of Parliament from 1952-57 and the Lok Sabha, Lower house, from 1957-62.

Mr. Kulkarni was a member of the Bombay Legislative Council from 1949 to 1956. He was elected to the Rajya Sabha in 1962 and re-elected in 1968.

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Canadian woman jailed in India

New Delhi. A 31-year-old Canadian woman has been jailed in India on charges of murder, it is reported. Miss Marie-Andree Leclerc, who lived in the Quebec city area where she worked as a medical secretary was arrested on July 9 here and has been held ever since. No charges have been reportedly laid against her.

Meanwhile, a Montreal lawyer, Raymond Daoust has requested Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to help the woman jailed in connection with at least three murders. Police found her in a New Delhi hotel room. Mr. Daoust is one of Canada's top criminal lawyers.

Any person, under Indian law, may be held up to sixty days without being charged if the investigation has not been completed.

Although Miss Leclerc has insisted that she is innocent, she is reportedly subjected to lengthy interrogations mounting to 'morally' torturing her.

According to Mr. Daoust, Miss Leclerc's involvement in the case results from an affair she has been having with 35-year-old Charles Shobraj who is one of the four suspects.

Describing Shobraj as a professional Casanova who writes 'flaming' love letters to keep women under his spell, Mr. Daoust said the couple first met in Kashmir, in May, 1975.

According to recent reports, Miss Leclerc was involved with a group which was arrested following 12 bizarre murders in Southeast Asia.

The victims were mostly tourists from various parts of the world; in some cases the people were robbed and dragged before they were killed.

Raksha Bandhan Rakhi celebrations

The Canada Hindu Organization Incorporated celebrated the festival of RAKHI at its cultural centre, Eastdale Collegiate Institute Auditorium, 701 Gerrard Street East, Toronto, on Sunday August 6.

This festival which falls on a full moon in the month of SHRAUAN August, will once again be celebrated by many Hindus in India and abroad.

Roop Sharma, the President says that there are many ancient legends associated with the observance of the occasion. However, the most popular according to him is the tying of the sacred thread SOOTRA by sisters on the wrists of the their brothers.

The thread is a symbol of love and affection for the brother who reciprocates by pledging his protection.

The Canada Hindu Organization has obtained from India several beautiful and colourful RAKHEES for the occasion.

RUSSIA TO BUY HEAVY ENGINEERING GOODS FROM INDIA

Ranchi, Aug (Samachar): The Soviet Union is interested in buying equipment from Heavy Engineering Corporation for setting up factories in third countries on a long term basis, according to Industry and Civil Supplies Minister T.A. Pai.

Tanzania wants film agreement

New Delhi, (Samachar) Tanzania wants to enter into an agreement for cooperation with the Indian Motion Picture Export Corporation (IMPEC), according to Tanzanian Information Secretary M.A. Hassan.

Racist group uses bank to raise funds

The peaceful co-existence between whites and the minorities in Toronto is being further undermined as financial support for the white supremist Western Guard party is now being solicited through one of Toronto's leading banks.

According to a taped telephone message from the Western Guard, financial support for its leader, Don Andrews, can be placed in the Don Andrews fund at the Bank of Montreal, at First Canadian Place.

Personnel at the First Canadian Place branch of the bank of Montreal are closed-mouth on the whole situation. (Contrast)

Beware of bid to split

New Delhi, August 26 (Samachar): The Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, has said that the major challenge before the non-aligned nations is to surmount pressures from powerful countries to divide and weaken them.

In an interview to the editor of "Socialist India" and "Socialist Bharat," she said that somehow "the world's powerful countries" did not seem to be too sure of themselves in dealing with the non-aligned movement.

"If they were so sure of themselves, why should they be so worried about what the non-aligned are doing and whether we are growing stronger! she asked.

passport refused to Gandhi's grand children

New Delhi, Aug 23 (Samachar): The racist South African Government has refused passports to the five great grandchildren of Mahatma Gandhi, father of nation.

The Deputy Minister for External Affairs, Bipin Pal Das told the Lok Sabha, lower house of Parliament, that according to the Government of India's information, Mewa Ramgobin and his wife, Mrs. Ela Ramgobin, the grand daughter of Mahatma Gandhi, had aplied to the South African Government for passports for their children.

Indian film festival in Vancouver

New Delhi, Aug. 26 (Samachar) A festival of Indian films will be held at Vancouver, Canada, from October 8.

Urdu poet dead

Bombay, Aug. 29 (Samachar): Jan-Nisar Akhtar, a well known Urdu poet and film producer died here following a heart attack. He was 63.

Mr. Akhtar has won the Nehru Award for his "Khak-e-Dil" (a collection of poems) three years ago. In other books, "Pichale-Paher (a collection of ghazals) and "Ghar Angan" (a collection of rubais) are also popular.

A reputed lyricist, Mr. Akhtar has also produced a popular Hindi film "Bahu Begam."

Marine exports rise

The export of marine products, shrimps, froglegs, cuttle fish, squids from India reached an all-time high of 54,463 tonnes worth rupees 1245.3 million during 1975-76. This exceeded the target of rupees 1,055 million originally fixed for the year by 18 per cent. The export in 1974-76 totalled 45,000 tonnes valued at rupees 684.1 million.

Russia to buy more Regional oil firms

New Delhi, (Samachar): The Petroleum Ministry proposes to set up four regional companies to market oil products from refineries in their respective areas.

The proposal, which aims at rationalising the storage and distribution system and extending it to the interior areas, has been sent to the oil industry and will form basis of high-level discussions between the ministry and the industry representatives who meet next week to evolve a suitable pattern for the industry.

At present there are eight companies in the country engaged in refining and marketing oil products.

Toronto libraries to buy more Hindi books

(Canadian Scene) — The Toronto Public Library Board is spending more than $34,000 of its annual $120,000 budget for multilingual books to purchase additional materials in 13 languages — Chinese, French, German, Greek, Hindi, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Punjabi, Portuguese, Spanish, Urdu and Ukrainian.

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John Wiley & Sons, New York have recently published a book by H. N. Ahuja 'Construction Perfotmance Control by Networks.' It is a senior level engineering management book dealing with network planning and computerized progress & Cost Control of projects. The book has 636 pages and the hard cover copy is priced at $27.00.

President's rule extended

New Delhi, Aug30 (Samachar): The Lok Sabha, approved the extension of President's rule in the eastern state of Nagaland for a further period of six months from September after the Home Minister, K. Brahmananda Reddi informed the house that this was not the opportune time to hold elections in the State.

Science Council acknowledges contribution

The Science Council of Canada which recently published a report on population has acknowledged the contributions of several social scientists. Among them are three Indo-Canadians Prof. T.R. Balakrishnan, Prof. R.Da Costa and Dr.T.J.Samuel.

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